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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: L. Tran
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: Group Art Unit: 2853
Application No.: 09/661,388)
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT
AND
STATEMENT OF SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated April 21, 2005, which imposed a requirement to elect between allegedly distinct species. The Office Action apparently supercedes the election requirement imposed on December 8, 2004, and has been treated as such.

Specifically, election was required between "the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

- Species 1: figure 21
- Species 2: figure 23A"

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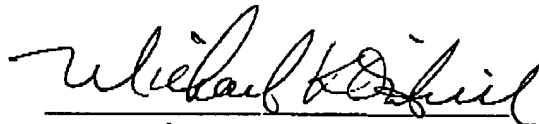
It is clear, however, that Figures 21 and 23A are not distinct species; rather, Figure 23A shows an enlarged view of wiper blade 46 which is mounted on wiper base 62 shown in Figure 21. Thus, Figures 21 and 23A are not different.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Examiner in a telephone interview conducted on May 3, 2005. The Examiner confirmed for herself that Figures 21 and 23A are not different and agreed to withdraw this requirement to elect.

Accordingly, no election is being made since the requirement to elect has been withdrawn. A further action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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